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NUMBER OF HIRED EASTERN CORNBELT WORKERS DOWN 4 PERCENT

The following information is the result of the Farm Labor Survey that was conducted in July 2007. Workers on farms in the Eastern Cornbelt States (Indiana, Illinois, Ohio) during the week of July 8-14, 2007 totaled 53,000. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.20.

There were 1,205,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of July 8-14, 2007, up 1 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 847,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 358,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.04 per hour during the July 2007 reference week, up 32 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$9.31 per hour, up 38 cents from last July, while livestock workers earned \$9.80 per hour compared with \$9.49 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$9.44 per hour, was up 37 cents from last year.

The number of hours worked averaged 41.6 hours for hired workers during the survey week, up 1 percent from a year ago.



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**HIRED WORKERS: NUMBER AND HOURS WORKED, AND WAGE RATES
EASTERN CORNBELT AND UNITED STATES, JULY 2006-2007 1/ 2/**

Item	Eastern Cornbelt		United States	
	2006	2007	2006	2007
	Thousands			
Hired Workers on Farms	55	53	876	847
Expected to be Employed:				
150 Days or More	33	34	630	600
149 Days or Less	22	19	246	247
	Hours			
Hours Worked Per Week	34.7	36.0	41.0	41.6
	Dollars Per Hour			
Type of Hired Worker				
Field	9.46	9.22	8.93	9.31
Livestock	9.28	10.32	9.49	9.80
Field & Livestock	9.40	9.57	9.07	9.44
Wage Rates for All Hired Workers	10.14	10.20	9.72	10.04

1/ Reference weeks were July 8-14 in 2007 and July 9-15 in 2006. Excludes Agricultural Service Workers. Excludes Alaska.

2/ Eastern Cornbelt region consists of Indiana, Illinois, and Ohio.



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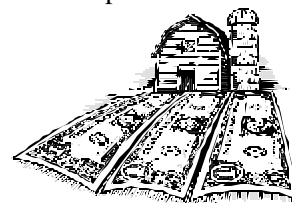
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PRICES RECEIVED INDEX DOWN 2 POINTS

The August 2007 Index of Prices Received by Indiana Farmers at 130 (1991=100) was down 2 points from July's revised level but up 40 points from August 2006. The mid-August price for winter wheat, barrows and gilts, and all milk increased from July. The mid-month price for corn, soybeans, sows, and eggs decreased from the previous month.

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The Livestock Price Index of 118 was unchanged from last month's revised index and 29 points above August 2006. The Crop Price Index of 138 was down 2 points from the revised index last month but 47 points above last year.



AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS – INDIANA AND UNITED STATES AUGUST 2007 WITH COMPARISONS 1/

Commodity	Unit	Indiana			United States		
		August 2006	July 2007	August 15, 2007	August 2006	July 2007	August 15, 2007
		Dollars			Dollars		
Corn	Bu.	2.08	3.36	3.19	2.09	3.32	3.17
Soybeans	Bu.	5.53	7.97	7.73	5.23	7.56	7.49
Winter Wheat	Bu.	2.95	5.10	6.03	3.77	5.14	5.85
Oats	Bu.	7/	7/	7/	1.67	2.33	2.25
All Hay 2/	Ton	6/	6/	6/	106.00	131.00	132.00
Alfalfa Hay 2/	Ton	6/	6/	6/	109.00	137.00	137.00
Other Hay 2/	Ton	6/	6/	6/	96.20	113.00	118.00
Apples 2/	Lb.	6/	6/	6/	.359	.293	.326
All Hogs	Cwt.	49.80	51.70	52.50	51.60	52.20	53.20
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	51.00	52.60	53.60	52.50	53.00	54.10
Sows	Cwt.	38.00	41.40	40.40	34.90	36.80	36.00
All Beef Cattle	Cwt.	6/	6/	6/	87.20	89.20	90.50
Milk Cows 3/	Head	3/	1950.00	3/	3/	1950.00	3/
All Milk	Cwt.	12.90	21.90	22.70	12.00	21.70	21.70
Fluid Milk	Cwt.	12.90	21.90	4/	12.10	21.70	21.70
Manufactured Milk	Cwt.	10.20	19.10	4/	11.10	20.70	20.30
Eggs 5/	Doz.	.358	.800	.710	.372	.812	.716
Turkeys 2/	Lb.	6/	6/	6/	.486	.555	.577

1/ Entire month price is a revision of the previous published mid-month price for all items except when footnoted otherwise. 2/ Mid-month Price. 3/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacements only. Prices published in January, April, July, and October. 4/ Only Whole-month Price published. 5/ Mid-month price for Market (table) eggs, including eggs sold retail by the producer. 6/ Monthly estimates discontinued. 7/ Not Published.

JULY EGG PRODUCTION DOWN 1 PERCENT

Indiana's laying flocks produced 549 million eggs during July 2007, down 1 percent from a year ago. The average number of layers on hand at 24.0 million, was down 1 percent from both last month and last year. The rate of lay at 2,283 eggs per 100 layers, was down slightly from

last year. Indiana hatcheries produced 5.28 million egg-type chicks during July, up 15 percent from a year ago. Accumulated hatchery production for January-July 2007 was 38.3 million, up 9 percent from the same period of 2006.

EGG PRODUCTION, LAYERS, AND HATCHING NUMBERS INDIANA AND U.S., JULY 2006-2007

Item	Indiana			United States		
	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006
Average Layers on Hand (thousands)	24,251	24,044	99	341,252	338,975	99
Eggs Per 100 Layers	2,284	2,283	100	2,240	2,234	100
Total Eggs Produced (millions)	554	549	99	7,645	7,574	99
Table Eggs (millions)	541	537	99	6,550	6,436	98
Hatching Eggs (millions)	13	12	92	1,095	1,138	104
Egg-Type Chicks Hatched	4,569	5,275	115	32,727	35,560	109
Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched	1/	1/	1/	801,537	820,865	102

1/ Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

INDIANA'S RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP 10 PERCENT

Indiana's commercial red meat production during July 2007 totaled 121.3 million pounds, up 10 percent from a year earlier. Total live weight of the 3,100 cattle killed totaled 3.3 million pounds. Total live weight of the 616,500 hogs killed totaled 157.9 million pounds. The 2,200 sheep slaughtered during July 2007 totaled 240,000 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production during July 2007 totaled 3.94 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the 3.79 billion pounds produced in July 2006. Beef production, at 2.26 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.90 million head, up 2 percent from July 2006. The average live weight was down 4 pounds

from the previous year, at 1,269 pounds. Veal production totaled 10.7 million pounds, 5 percent below July a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 62,600 head, up 8 percent from July 2006. The average live weight was down 36 pounds from last year, at 289 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.66 billion pounds, up 7 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.40 million head, up 7 percent from July 2006. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 264 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 13.5 million pounds, was up 2 percent from July 2006. Sheep slaughter totaled 204,700 head, 1 percent above last year. The average live weight was 131 pounds, up 1 pound from July a year ago.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER 1/

Species	Indiana				United States			
	July		Jan - July		July		Jan - July	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
Cattle								
Number of Head (000)	3.0	3.1	20.5	21.1	2,834.0	2,901.6	19,484.2	19,885.6
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	1,043	1,054	1,044	1,050	1,273	1,269	1,265	1,258
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	3,122	3,309	21,399	22,148	3,598,226	3,672,121	24,560,984	24,929,491
Calves								
Number of Head (000)	0.2	2/	1.3	2/	57.9	62.6	388.5	451.7
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	135	2/	126	2/	325	289	354	320
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	29	2/	164	2/	18,674	17,910	136,717	143,579
Hogs								
Number of Head (000)	554.2	616.5	4,152.7	4,334.4	7,882.0	8,396.6	58,928.5	60,606.5
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	257	256	264	262	263	264	270	269
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	142,433	157,89	1,097,70	1,134,85	2,074,519	2,216,567	15,877,326	16,268,049
Sheep								
Number of Head (000)	2.4	2.2	14.2	14.2	202.4	204.7	1,563.9	1,539.9
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	109	107	108	108	130	131	140	138
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	264	240	1,536	1,533	26,303	26,821	218,933	213,019

1/ Commercial red meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected plants and other plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

2/ Not published to avoid disclosure.

INDIANA SEVENTH IN TURKEYS RAISED

The preliminary estimate of turkeys raised in the United States during 2007 is 272 million, up 4 percent from the number raised during 2006.

The following six States are expected to account for about two-thirds of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2007: **Minnesota**, at 46.0 million turkeys, is up 2 percent from last year; **North Carolina**, at 39.0 million turkeys, is up 4 percent from last year; **Arkansas**, at 31.0 million turkeys, is up 3 percent from a year ago; **Virginia**, at 21.5 million turkeys, is unchanged from 2006; **Missouri**, at 21.0 million turkeys, is up 5 percent from last year; and **California**, at 16.8 million turkeys, is up 6 percent from last year.

TURKEYS: NUMBER RAISED SELECTED STATES & UNITED STATES

State	Total All Breeds		
	2006 1/	2007	2007 as %
	Thousand Birds		
Arkansas	30,000	31,000	103
California	15,800	16,800	106
Indiana	13,800	15,400	112
Minnesota	45,000	46,000	102
Missouri	20,000	21,000	105
North Carolina	37,500	39,000	104
Ohio	5,100	5,100	100
Virginia	21,500	21,500	100
United States	262,460	271,676	104

1/ Revised.

INDIANA MILK PRODUCTION UP 1 PERCENT

Indiana's milk production totaled 280 million pounds during July 2007, up 1 percent from a year earlier. The number of milk cows on farms totaled 166,000 head, unchanged from a year earlier.

Milk production in the 23 major States during July totaled 14.5 billion pounds, up 3.9 percent from production in these same States in July 2006.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,743 pounds for July, 55 pounds above July 2006. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.31 million head, 14,000 head more than June 2007, and 50,000 head more than July 2006.

MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION INDIANA, AND SELECTED STATES, JULY 2006-2007

State	Milk Cows <u>1/</u>		Milk Per Cow <u>2/</u>		Milk Production <u>2/</u>		
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006
	<u>Thousand Head</u>		<u>Pounds</u>		<u>Million Pounds</u>		<u>Percent</u>
INDIANA	166	166	1,670	1,685	277	280	101
Illinois	103	103	1,600	1,550	165	160	97
Iowa	206	215	1,680	1,685	346	362	105
Kentucky	97	89	1,060	1,150	103	102	99
Michigan	322	336	1,895	1,945	610	654	107
Minnesota	450	462	1,560	1,565	702	723	103
Ohio	274	276	1,470	1,530	403	422	105
Wisconsin	1,243	1,248	1,610	1,670	2,001	2,084	104
23 State Total	8,258	8,308	1,688	1,743	13,937	14,483	104

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

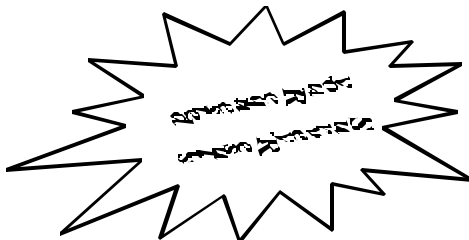


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